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# OHIO

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## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 63.7 degrees, 7.6 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, May 7. Precipitation averaged 0.84 inches, 0.09 inches above normal. The West Central district received the most precipitation with 1.08 inches. The South Central district was the driest with only 0.60 inches of rain.

Reporters rated 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, May 5. This is 2.1 days behind last year but 1.9 days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 4 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2000	4.5	3.7	17.1
1999	6.6	3.9	24.7
1995-1999	2.6	2.8	18.3

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	4	85	11
Last Week	0	4	81	15
Same Week Last Year	4	28	64	4
1995-1999 Average	1	6	43	50

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 7

**Corn** planted progressed rapidly as reporters estimated 44 percent of the crop is planted. This is two days behind last year but about four days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Corn is 3 percent emerged, one day behind the five-year average. **Oats** are 92 percent planted, two days behind last year but about two weeks ahead of the five-year average.

**Soybeans** progressed 16 points from the previous week to 19 percent planted. This is about three days behind last year but three days ahead of the 1995-99 average. **Winter wheat** is 96 percent jointed, one day ahead of 1999. Winter wheat is 2 percent headed, three days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Eighty percent of **tobacco** beds have plants up, five days behind 1999.

Potatoes are 47 percent planted. This is 11 days behind last year but one day ahead of the five-year average. **Sugarbeets** advanced 16 points to 41 percent planted. **Apples** advanced 19 points to 88 percent in full bloom. **Peaches** are 85 percent in full bloom, compared to 95 percent in 1999.

Activities throughout the state include applying anhydrous ammonia, fertilizer, and lime; drilling soybeans; planting corn, soybeans, and oats; hauling manure; plowing, chiseling, discing; applying pre-emergence herbicides; burning brush; clearing fence rows; equipment maintenance and preparation; installing tile; moving grain; sowing oats and alfalfa seedings; planting sweet corn; setting tomatoes; planting grasses and legumes; marketing grain; top dressing wheat; seeding peppers; and buying seed.

Alfalfa weevil damage was reported in many parts of central and southern Ohio. A Clark county reporter mentioned weevil damage in wheat fields. Flea beetles in corn, bagworms, chick weed, and powdery mildew were also reported.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reporters rated 87 percent of the winter wheat in good to excellent condition. Pasture conditions were rated 72 percent good to excellent. Warm temperatures and rain have caused weed growth in pastures across the state.

Livestock were reported in good to excellent condition. Calving and lambing are progressing normally throughout the state.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 7

Crop	2000	1999	1995-99 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn planted	44	58	34	7	49
Corn emerged	3	13	4	NA	9
Oats planted	92	94	82	79	68
Oats emerged	69	84	60	53	38
Potatoes planted	47	73	43	28	NA
Processing tomatoes planted	5	12	5	NA	NA
Soybeans planted	19	33	15	3	8
Sugarbeets planted	41	NA	NA	25	79
Tobacco beds having plants up	80	94	NA	57	NA
Winter wheat jointed	96	93	68	83	NA
Winter wheat headed	2	NA	0	NA	33

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 7

PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	23	53	19
Previous Week	1	5	24	51	19
Previous Year	0	3	20	55	22
WINTER WHEAT					
Current Week	0	1	12	51	36
Previous Week	0	1	11	49	39
Previous Year	0	1	8	56	35
APPLES					
Current Week	3	3	18	59	17
Previous Week	4	8	11	52	14
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PEACHES					
Current Week	5	9	17	53	16
Previous Week	4	22	25	45	15
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HAY					
Current Week	0	5	21	57	17
Previous Week	0	7	22	52	19
Previous Year	0	2	17	58	23

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 7

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr. 1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr. 1	Dev.
Northwest	64.3	8.9	0.82	0.14	3.90	-0.01	114	49	270	28
North Central	63.6	8.6	0.99	0.28	3.83	0.71	112	50	245	12
Northeast	61.5	7.6	0.76	0.07	3.82	1.32	104	44	241	13
West Central	64.8	8.5	1.08	0.36	4.33	1.00	115	47	295	27
Central	64.0	7.3	1.04	0.33	4.28	0.96	115	44	302	18
Central Hills	62.9	7.9	0.88	0.15	4.16	1.14	109	45	260	9
Northeast Hills	62.2	6.9	0.83	0.12	4.04	1.11	108	41	271	5
Southwest	65.0	7.2	0.79	-0.08	4.87	0.25	118	42	323	10
South Central	64.8	6.7	0.60	-0.26	4.51	-0.37	122	41	351	8
Southeast	63.5	6.8	0.69	-0.10	4.34	-0.04	115	41	322	14
STATE	63.7	7.6	0.84	0.09	4.23	0.54	114	44	291	15

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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